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STOPPER-CLOSED CONTAINER
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Art Unit: 1743

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In response to the Final Office Action dated December 23, 2003, please
amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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